
Minutes:

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ken Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- II. **Establish a quorum** – agency representatives in attendance: Ken Fisher, John Kolodziej, Terry Vogel, Tom Olsen, David Hemery, Jenny Austin, Michael Panosh and Pat O'Connor. David Englebert was excused.
- III. **Adopt the agenda:** Motion by Kolodziej, seconded by Olsen, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. **Introduction of guests:**
Anne Gustavson, summer intern with the DOT, and Pat Miller.
- V. **Public Participation:** None
- VI. **Correspondence:** None
- VII. **Minutes of April 1, 2010, 2nd quarter meeting:** Motion by Kolodziej, seconded by Olsen, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2010, meeting. Motion carried.
- VIII. **Pending, continued, "old" business**
 - 1.) Update on the Traffic Study – South Junction to Mid Junction
Pat O'Connor said the DOT completed their study and he provided a map handout of "Alternative Recommendations - STH 57 Traffic Operations and Safety Study Door County"
The map showed the improvements in four categories:
 - Satisfies 3-party agreement (will be funded by WisDOT)
 - Short term improvement (will be funded by WisDOT)
 - Long term improvement (would be funded by WisDOT - but not until conditions warrant)
 - Local improvement (would be funded by local municipalities)O'Connor said the 3-party agreement dates back to the late 90's.
The plan will need to be endorsed by the Sturgeon Bay City Council and the Door County Board of Supervisors at upcoming meetings.
A question was raised about the timing of the roundabouts. As soon as this plan is endorsed, they will go into the 6-year plan.
 - 2.) Review the initial impact that opening the highway has had on traffic safety in that part of the county
The four-lane was completely open in October 2009.
Accident data since opening: 2008 - 3; 2009 - 3; and 2010 - 4
There continue to be crashes at the STH 57 and CTH C intersection. Most are daylight accidents and not alcohol related.
Panosh said there is a need to educate people. Some people think you can't stop in the middle. People don't always accurately judge the distance and speed.
O'Connor said the bulk of the accidents are in the near two lanes.
This will be removed from the agenda unless an issue comes up.
 - 3.) New Initiatives to Prevent Drunk Driving
Michael Panosh said that Wisconsin Act 100 goes into effect July 1, 2010. He called attention to the four main points:
 - Making a 4th OWI-related offense a felony, instead of a misdemeanor if that 4th offense occurs within five years of a prior OWI-related offense.
 - Requiring the installation of ignition interlock devices for all repeat drunk drivers and for first offense drunk drivers with an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more.
 - Has a greater emphasis on treatment
 - Making the first OWI-related offense a criminal offense if a child younger than 16 years of age is present in the vehicle at the time of the offense.Terry Vogel noted that Wisconsin is one of only a few states where the first offense is only a civil forfeiture violation, as opposed to a criminal misdemeanor violation. Vogel said we are in the early stages of looking at a program that includes counseling, similar to that use in Winnebago County.
Panosh added that Wisconsin is one of 11 or 12 states that don't allow checkpoints.

In response to a question on accidents due to driving while using prescription drugs, Vogel said he didn't have statistics, but it is just as dangerous. He said he is trying to have all officers attend a training course in this area.

4.) Mailboxes at CTH "DK" near CTH "K"

The goal was to have all the mailboxes set within the trailer court. A letter was sent to Postmaster Erdmann last July. To date, we have not received a response and the boxes have not been moved.

Hemery will follow-up to have a follow-up letter from Chairman Fisher sent to Postmaster Erdmann.

Will report back at the next meeting.

5.) Review of safety concerns STH 57 and CTH C intersection, Town of Brussels.

See discussion under agenda item 2 above.

IX. **New Business:**

1.) Intersection of STH 42 at Europe Bay Rd

Vogel said this came from a citizen complaint of not having enough visibility to judge the speed of cars when coming down Europe Bay Road.

Vogel indicated that there is not a history of accidents here.

Kolodziej noted that significant safety improvements were made at this intersection and it is significantly safer than it used to be.

No action taken.

2.) Speed limit reduction request on CTH J in Village of Forestville.

Letter received from the Village of Forestville to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH on part of County Highway J or main Street in the Village of Forestville from Mill Street to the East end of the Village.

Kolodziej said that 25 MPH is the statutory speed limit in a village so this request doesn't require action. He will notify them and make sure the speed limit is posted.

X. **BOTS Update**

Michael Panosh reported that statewide fatalities are at 247, compared to 243 in 2009. Motorcycles are about the same with 41 this year / 46 in 2009.

Door County YTD fatalities 0 Door County 2009: 4 for the entire year

Kewaunee County YTD: 0

Manitowoc County YTD: 3

Brown County is the second highest in the State with 20 fatalities so far this year... and that's their five-year average. Milwaukee County is the highest.

XI. **Review of 'Spot Maps' – 3rd & 4th quarter 2009 / 1st & 2nd quarter 2010 (crashes)**

Vogel will bring the maps for the next meeting

XII. **Review of Fatality Reports (if any)** - None.

XIII. **COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNS: "For a Better" & "Safer Door County"**

1.) Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official or Employee

- Olson: Suggestion for DOT .. to think about education efforts regarding signaling before slowing down.
- Vogel asked about the legality of the motorized stand-on scooters or segways on roads. Panosh said the little scooters that kids have are not legal, and he will check on these for the next meeting.
- Fisher said the individual pedestrian crossings in Ephraim are about non-existent. Kolodziej said this is a local responsibility and municipalities need to call the Highway Department to request work be done.

XIV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

XV. **ADJOURN to 4th Quarter Meeting: October 7, 2010, 9:00 a.m.**

Motion by Olsen, seconded by Vogel, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 9:53 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Lori Holtz, Administrative Assistant.